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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Y. Bronicki et al.

Serial No.: 09/627,166

Group Art Unit: 1732

Filed: July 27, 2000

Examiner: M. Theisen

For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING PELLETS FROM
HEAVY HYDROCARBON LIQUID**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on November 6, 2002; therefore, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 9, and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.